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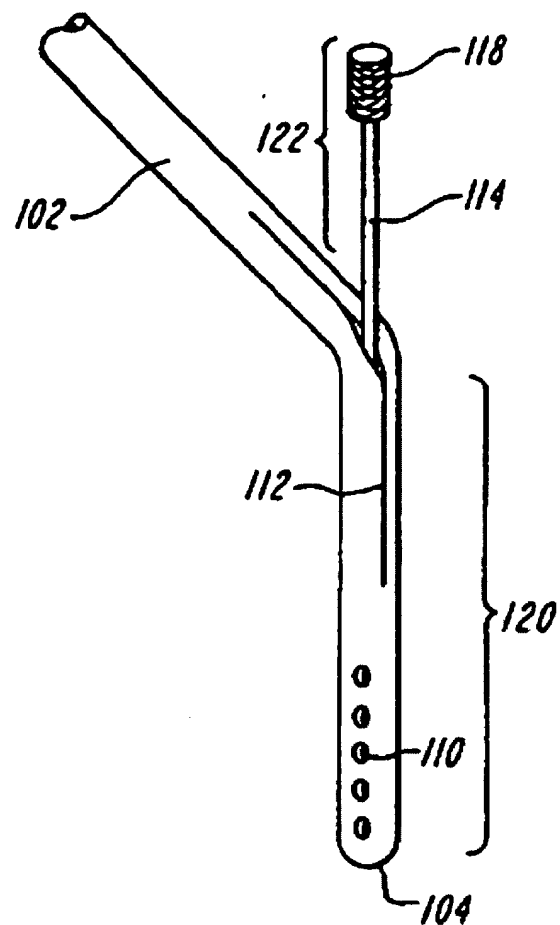
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### Abstract of EP1040844

A catheter system includes a elongate catheter having a longitudinal slit for facilitating removal of a rigid stylet after manipulating the catheter to a desired position. In one embodiment, the stylet is contained within the catheter prior to use. The stylet is removed by bending the catheter such that a proximal portion of the stylet protrudes from the slit to allow a surgeon to grasp and remove the stylet from the catheter. In an exemplary embodiment, the catheter system includes a ventricular catheter for draining fluid from a patient's brain ventricle.



**FIG. 4**

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